24th November 1955]

* 2823 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students that applied for the various courses of study in the Central Polytechnic, Madras; and

(b) the number of students belonging to the forward classes, Backward Classes and Scheduled Classes that were admitted?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : In the statement that is placed on the Table of the House, regarding Backward Class students, the number eligible for admission is given as 244. Why then 227 candidates were interviewed out of which only 114 were taken?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, although there is a large number of applications of candidates who were eligible, in view of the limited number of seats available, all the applicants who are eligible were not interviewed. That is how the numbers vary.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : If the number of seats available for admission is limited, should not the same rule be applied to the forward classes also with a corresponding reduction in the number of seats allotted to them. It is evident that 60 per cent of the seats have been given to the forward classes. That means the seats allotted to the backward classes have been taken away and given to the forward classes? 9-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is nothing like that. The results are there. For Civil Engineering 43 candidates belonging to the Backward Classes were selected as against 62, for Electrical Engineering 23 as against 30 and for Mechanical Engineering 21 as against 37.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : What is the total number of seats available. Hereafter, will the selection be made on a district-war basis?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Sub-Collector's bungalow at Tellicherry

* 2824 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued orders abandoning the Sub-Collector's bungalow at Tellicherry; and

(b) whether any portions in the compound of the building have slipped off into the sea?

---

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 423 infra.